

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Loar General Store Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-058
Address: 16725 Loartown Road City: Frostburg Zip Code: 21532
County: Allegany USGS Topographic Map: Lonaconing
Owner: Charles A. Neilson Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 17 Tax Map Number: 36 Tax Account ID Number: 17-002686
Project: _____ Agency: _____
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: AL-VI-B-261

NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes District Name: Loartown Survey District

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☒ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)

Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☒ A ☒ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Loar General Store is a one-and-a-half story, wood-frame building that adopts a rectangular footprint. The building rests on an exposed stone foundation. The exterior walls are clad with asbestos shingle siding. The front-facing gable roof is sheathed in standing-seam metal. A one-story porch spans the west (front) elevation, but the steps accessing the porch have been removed. The building appears much the same as when documented in 1976.

The Loar General Store was reported in the 1977 MIHP form as constructed in 1903 by George Loar. However, no building was depicted in this general location on the USGS 1908 15-minute Frostburg quadrangle map and no one was listed with the occupation of shopkeeper in the 1910 census in the area of Loartown. Scott (1991:99) identified the small store as belonging to Jacob Loar III and Azariah Loar (Scott 1991:99). Azariah Loar (b. 1875-d. 1951) was the eldest son of Jacob Loar III (b. 1852- d. 1931) by his first wife Harriet. Azariah Loar married Amelia Mitchell ca. 1899 and had two sons, Vernon (b. 1901) and George (b. 1903) (Gaddis 1949:53, 312). Azariah Loar was employed as a carpenter in the coal mines 1910 and 1920 (U.S. Census 1910, 1920). By 1920, however, Azariah's 16-year old son George is recorded as employed in a grocery store (U.S. Census 1920). By 1930, Azariah Loar was recorded in the census as a merchant retailing groceries (U.S. Census 1930). Scott (1991:99) recorded that the following supplies could be purchased at Azariah Loar's store: canned goods, some animal feeds, tobacco, flour, sugar, and kerosene.

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Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Comments: _____


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

1/5/2009
Date

NA
Reviewer, NR Program

Date

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This archival documentation suggests that the building may have been constructed ca. 1915 to house a side business for Azariah Loar, who employed his son George in the business as early as 1920. By 1930, Azariah was recorded with the employment of a retail grocer. The 1977 MIHP form recorded then property owner as George F. Loar, who may have reported that the building was his store.

The property on which the store stands was part of several parcels that were sold in 1948 by Azariah Loar to his son George F. and his wife Helen (Allegany County deed 232:571). A portion of the parcel may have originated in a property transfer in 1931 of a small portion of military lot 3682 from Jacob Loar III to Azariah (Allegany County deed 165:288).

The Loar General Store is a modest example of a small village store constructed ca. 1915 that does not appear to possess significance for individual listing in the National Register of Historic Places for its design, type, period, or method of construction applying National Register Criterion C. The building exhibits no architectural ornamentation to embody a type, period or method of construction. The building has no known association with persons significant in the past history of Allegany County or Maryland applying National Register Criterion B, nor is it associated with significant past events (National Register Criterion A).

References

Allegany County

Var. Deed. Available online at <http://mdlandrec.net>.

Gaddis, Emma Loar

1949 *The Loar Genealogy with Cognate Branches*. Manson, Iowa. Online at <http://www.theloarsplace.com>.

Scott, Harold L., Sr.

1991 *Glorious Old Pompey Smash*. Self-published, Cumberland, Maryland.

U.S. Census

1910 Viewed on 10/2008 at Ancestry.com.

1920 Viewed on 10/2008 at Ancestry.com.

1930 Viewed on 9/2008 at Ancestry.com.

U.S. Geological Survey

1908 15-minute Frostburg quadrangle map

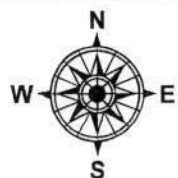
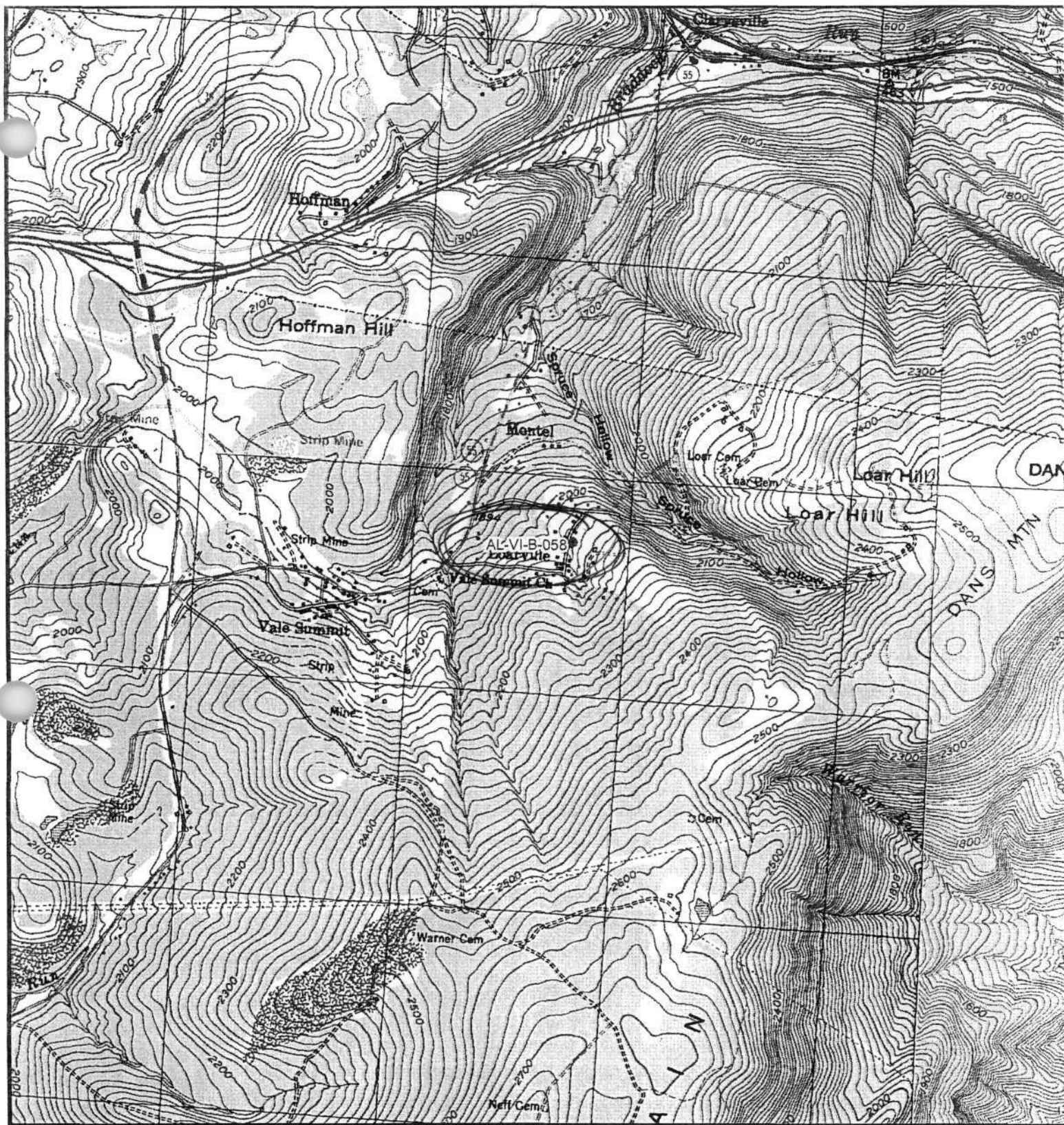
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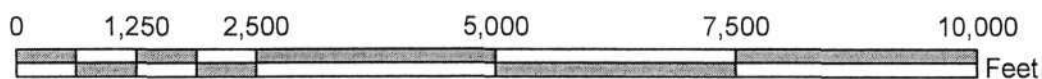
Prepared by:

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Historian, RCGA, Inc.

Date Prepared: September 2008



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Loar General Store

Loartown

USGS 7.5 minute Lonaconing Quadrangle map

1:24:000 scale

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. AL-VI-B-058

Loar General Store, Allegany County
Continuation Sheet

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The following information is the same for each photograph:

1. MIHP # AL-VI-B-058
2. Loar General Store
3. Allegany County, Maryland
4. R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates, Inc.
5. September 2008
6. MD SHPO
7. Photo paper and ink: HP Vivera ink 97 Tri-Color cartridge, 101 Blue Photo cartridge, and 102 Gray Photo cartridge on HP Premium Photo Paper (high gloss)
8. Verbatim Ultralife Gold Archival Grade CD-R, PhthaloCyanine Dye

Photo #

AL-VI-B-058_2008-09-17_01.tif - Loar Store, Loartown Road, looking northeast.

AL-VI-B-058_2008-09-17_01.tif - Loar Store, Loartown Road, looking southeast.



MIHP Number: AL-VI-B-058

Loar General Store
Allegheny County, MD
Benjamin M. Riggle
09-17-2008

MD SHPO-AL-VI-B-058_2008-09-17_01

View facing northeast

Photo #1 of 2



MIHP Number: AL-VI-B-058

Loar General Store
Allegheny County, MD
Benjamin M. Riggle

09-17-2008

MD SHPO-AL-VI-B-058_2008-09-17_02

View facing southeast

Photo # 2 of 2

LOAR GENERAL STORE

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Loartown Road, Loartown
1903

The Loar General Store is a rectangular, two story, three bay wide frame building that has been covered with asbestos shingles. The store was constructed in 1903 by George Loar, a member of the founding family of Loartown. The General Store was one of two commercial structures in Loartown. Both stores provided food and dried goods for the residents of Loartown.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Loar General Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Loartown Road

CITY, TOWN

Loartown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED☒ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER Storage**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George F. Loar

Telephone #: 689-9105

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Box 634

CITY, TOWN

Frostburg

☒ VICINITY OFSTATE, zip code
Maryland 21532**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Loar General Store is located on the east side of the Loartown Road in Loartown, Allegany County.

The Loar store is a rectangular, two story, three bay wide frame building that has been covered with asbestos shingles. It rests on a low stone foundation with a plain water table. The roof is gabled with a soffit and covered with tin. Windows in the building are double hung wooden sash frames with a combination of one over one and two over two lights. The main entrance is located on the west facade and consists of a vertically paneled door. A pair of horizontally paneled doors are located on the east side of the building. The main entrance is covered by a three bay shed roof end porch. A single original brick chimney is located at the inside end of the building.

The Loar General Store is no longer in use; however, it remains in good condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

George Loar

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Loar General Store was constructed in 1903 by George Loar. The store, a small rectangular structure, was one of two commercial structures in Loartown, Allegany County. Both stores provided food and dried goods for the residents of this mining community.

The Loar store remains in fair condition, although it is no longer used as a commercial structure.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1.02 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson & Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Surveyors

DATE

1/4/77

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-VI-B-058

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DATE: 12/15/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

1.02 Acre

NAME OF PROPERTY: Loar General StoreLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Loartown RdDIRECTION DWELLING FACES: WestNAME OF OWNER: George F. LoarADDRESS: Rt 1 Box 634

689-9105

Frostburg MD

21532

STORIES: 1() 2(✓) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2(✓) 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: ^{1 1/2}2Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- Asbestos Shingles
- (✓) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
() BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS PlainFOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONEWATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICKWINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1(✓) 2/2(✓) 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other()
pegged () nailed(✓) wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: WestDouble Rear

HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAINPaneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)Boxed

original(✓) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: CABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, CORNERS #MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(✓) hip() gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 1 BRICK(✓) STONE() CORBELLED() original(✓) replaced()LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end(✓) Outside end() Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

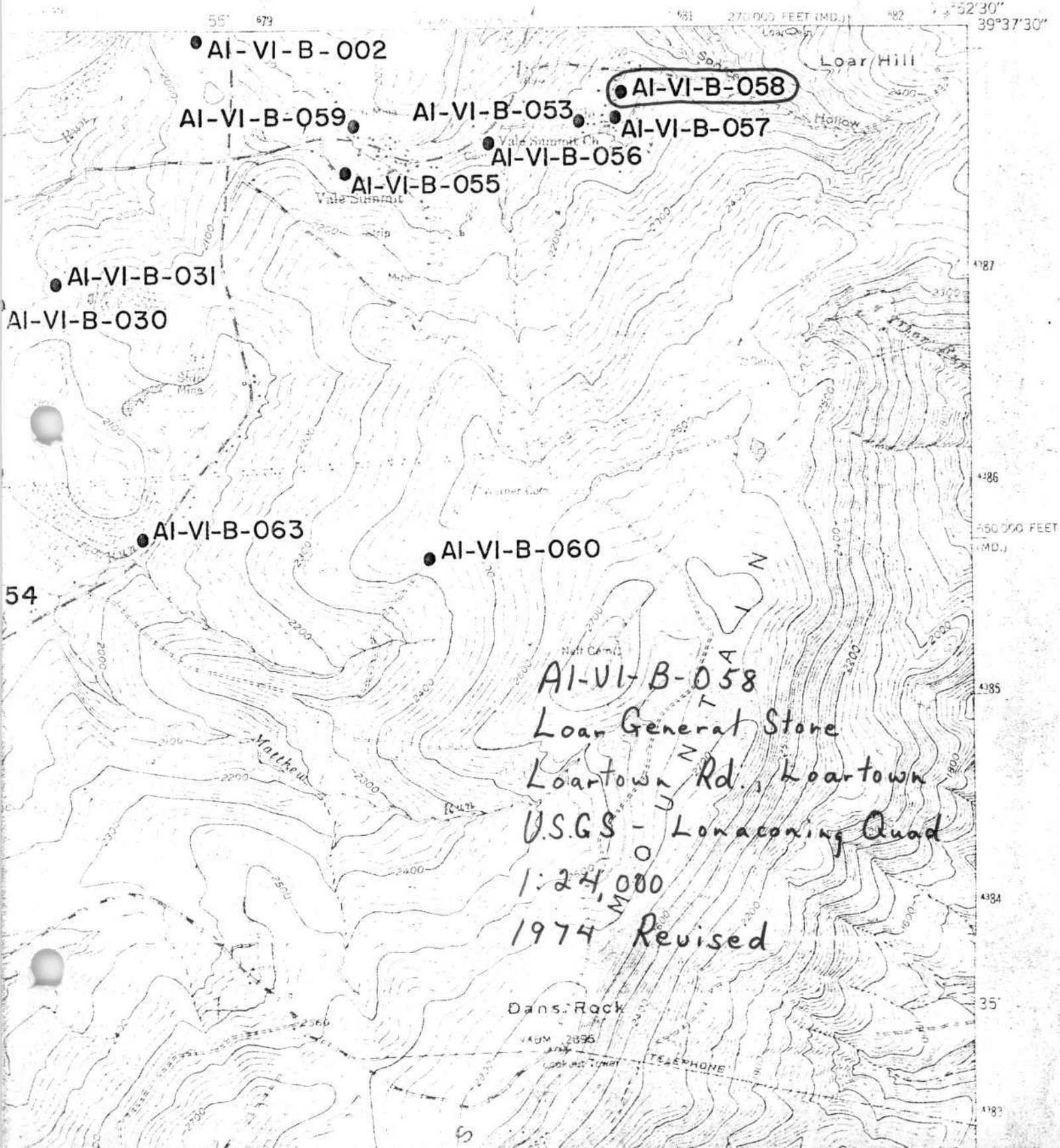
Use - StorageSignificance - Arch CommDate Constructed - 1903Condition - Fair

1900! Jacob Loar Built

1774 Jacob Loar Came - German

LONACONING QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW 1/4 FROSTBURG 15 QUADRANGLE

52°30' 39" N
78°37'30" W



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Loar General Stone
Loartown Rd., Loartown
U.S.G.S - Lonaconing Quad
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1974 Revised



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Lea General Store

Cartown Rd.

Cartown

John Nelson

12/15/76

Northwest



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Loar-town Rd.

Loar-town

John Nelson

12/15/76

WEST